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The Honorable Dan Logue,
Member California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

Subject: Support for AB 134

Dear Assembly Member Logue:

As the Sheriff of Riverside County, I am writing in support of AB 134, which would prohibit California law enforcement agencies from publicly disclosing personally identifying information such as the names, phone numbers, or addresses of concealed carry weapons permit holders and applicants.

In December of 2012, when The Journal-News in New York State published the names and addresses of the concealed carry weapons permit holders in their area, they set off a firestorm of criticism. This irresponsible reporting put permit holders and their families at risk. I applaud your efforts to protect licensed permit holders in California.

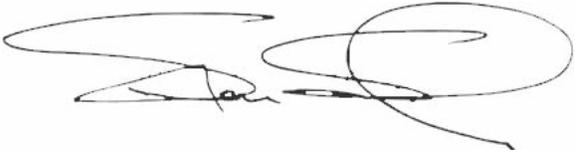
California law permits local law enforcement leaders to decide who does or does not qualify to legally carry a concealed firearm. I, along with my fellow law enforcement leaders, take this responsibility very seriously when deciding who should or should not receive a concealed carry permit. These applicants and permit holders must normally provide "good cause" for obtaining a CCW. Some are in fear of retaliation from former friends, spouses, or associates, others carry large sums of money or valuables, and still others travel or work in high-crime areas. Publishing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the applicants or permit holders could expose them and their loved-ones to great danger, and make them vulnerable to burglaries, thefts, and home invasion robberies.

CCW applicants and permit holders are private citizens, not public figures. They are also law-abiding citizens whose backgrounds have been carefully scrutinized. Revealing their private information is dangerous and reckless, and it exposes them to the increased chances to become victims of crime.

Even the State of New York, which has very restrictive gun laws, has seen the need to allow permit holders to keep their information private.

For these reasons, I support AB 134 and urge the legislature to support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stan Sniff', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Sheriff Stan Sniff, Riverside County

CC: Senator Jean Fuller
Assembly Member Allan Mansoor
California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)
Riverside County Legislative Representatives